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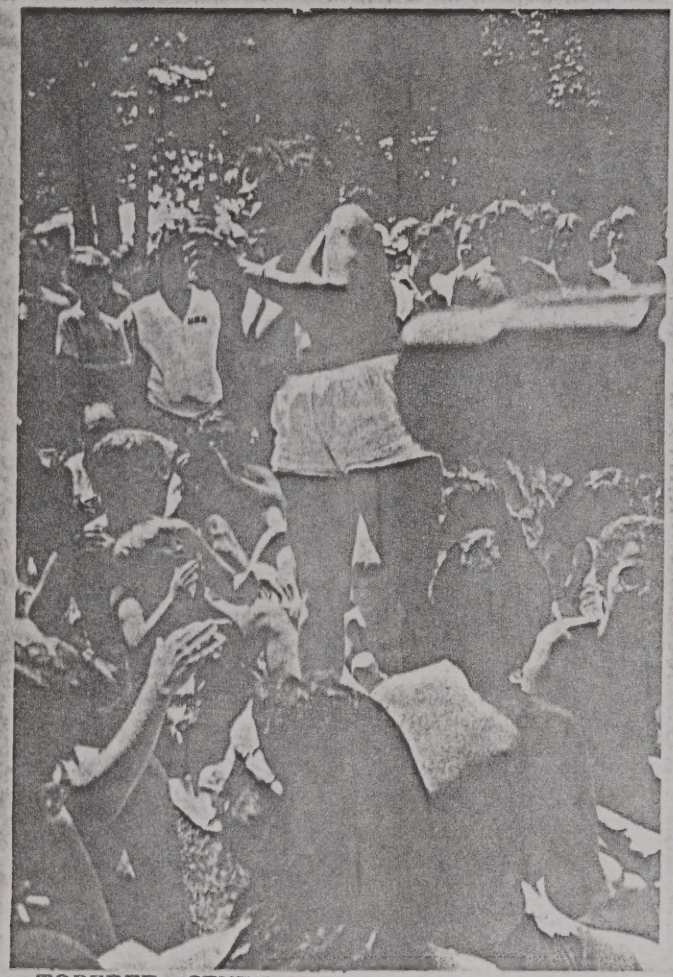

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ABOVE: TOPFREE SEVEN REMOVE SHIRTS. MARY LOU SCHLOSS WITH EVAN SCHLOSS ON HER LAP, NIKKI CRAFT STANDING, ELISE TOOLEY WITH BACK TO CAMERA, RUTHIE REILLY WITH DARK GLASSES. BELOW: TOPFREE SEVEN MEMBER, ELISE TOOLEY, BEING LED TO POLICE CAR AFTER ARREST.

THE TOPFREE 7

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The trial of the Topfree 7 began Monday, September 15, in the Hall of Justice. Judge Herman Walz has set aside at least three days for the trial. He has reserved a large courtroom in anticipation of many spectators.

Many hours of research and writing have gone into preparing briefs which were submitted on August 12. Points to be made during the trial will be:

1) Some men's breasts are larger than women's breasts. Men's breasts have similar anatomy.

2) Requiring women but not men to cover their breasts leads to poor self-concept and damage to women's physical and mental health.

3) Requiring women to cover their breasts is a sign of in-equality which leads to an obsession with breasts and unhealthy relationships between women and men.

4) Women being topfree will not lead to violence against women.

5) Topfree women are common in other parts of the United States.

People can help by contributing to the legal defense fund. Send checks payable to: Topfree 7, Mary Lou Schloss, 237 Vassar St., Rochester, NY. 14607. Although our lawyers are serving pro bono, there will be court costs, the expense of bringing in witnesses and the probablity of costly appeals.

Lawyers are David Moss, representing Nikki Craft, Kathie Reilly, Deborah Seymour, Elise Tooley, and Lynn Zicari and Larry Kasparek of the Public Defender's Office representing Ramona Santorelli. Mary Lou Schloss is "pro se," representing herself to allow greater flexibility in presenting evidence. Elaine Espansheid has agreed to represent the women on appeals since David Moss is leaving Rochester in mid-winter.

The Topfree 7 defense will be based upon equal protection of the law (14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution), freedom of expression (First Amendment), and the vagueness of the law.

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